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THE DECENNIAL OF THE BULLETIN

WITH this number, the BULLETIN begins its eleventh year. It has completed a decade of service as the intermediary between the Museum and its members, who, by extension, may be said to include the whole community interested in its purposes and aims. It has reported many important events, some of them sad ones. Indeed, in its monthly records may be found the material for a history of what has been one of the most vital periods, certainly the most prosperous in the development of the Museum. Its record of accessions, by bequest and gift, as well as by purchase; of expansion in building and galleries; and, best of all, of increased usefulness to all sorts and classes for purposes of enjoyment, as well as practical ends, has been a remarkable one, telling of noble support on the part of the City and of individuals, of the most disinterested, faithful service on the part of its Trustees, and of unwearied energy on the part of its officers; and emphasizing the wisdom and forethought of the men who laid the foundations for the museum of art in New York upon broad foundations.

While recognizing that art in its highest quality is the giver of the finest of pleasure, the Museum is equally at the disposal of those who seek other ends—scholarship, education, and practical help. It offers its varied gifts freely to all to take what they will; and the BULLETIN of the past ten years shows in what measure its offer has been accepted. It gives a record of progress in the community.

Perhaps the best lesson to be read in the BULLETIN chronicle is the one which shows that the work begun is far from complete, is never to be completed.

"And men through novel spheres of thought,
Still moving after truth long sought,
Will learn new things, when I am not.

. . . . . .

"Thou hast not gained a real height,
Thou art not nearer to the light,
Because the scale is infinite."

THE MEMBERSHIP

IT is gratifying to be able to announce a material increase in the membership of the Museum in answer to the appeals made in recent numbers of the BULLETIN. The Trustees extend their thanks to those who have so generously responded, especially to those whose contributions have qualified them for election as Fellows for Life.

The list of Annual Members is so long —487—that of necessity the names are omitted here, but they will be published in the Annual Report for 1915. The list of those elected to other classes of membership at the meeting of the Board held December 20 is as follows:

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MRS. HORACE RUSSELL
MISS ELIZABETH R. WELLINGTON

The following persons were elected through transfers of memberships:

FELLOWS IN PERPETUITY

DENNISTOUN M. BELL
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